

61. An advent-type calendar comprising:  
a plurality of date cells corresponding to a customized time period including a starting date representing a specific Gregorian date and an ending date representing another specific Gregorian date, each date cell having a Gregorian date associated therewith and comprising a closure element for concealing an object or information, or both, wherein the plurality date cells includes one or more milestones associated with the customized time period, each milestone representing progress towards an event associated with the customized time period; and  
a graphical theme applied to the advent-type calendar, the graphical theme being suggestive of an event associated with the customized time period.--

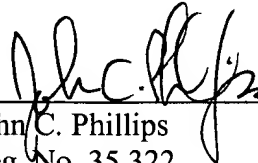
Remarks

Claims 42-61 are presented for examination with claims 42, 50 and 61 being independent. The examiner is reminded that the claims pending in the parent application (Serial No. 09/078,552, now U.S. Patent No. 6,186,553) were allowed. It is submitted that claims 42-61 are allowable at least for the same reasons that the claims in the parent application were allowable.

Prompt consideration and allowance of this application are requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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